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Please see the following letter regarding the Microsoft Settlement:

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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing today with the hope that my views on this matter will play a role in bringing closure to the excessively overdone lawsuit against Microsoft. After three long years of litigation, with its immoderate allocation of taxpayer dollars, I was very pleased to hear that the DOJ proposed a settlement last November. Bringing closure to this case will give the economy the boost it needs and give Microsoft the opportunity to get back into the game and stabilize the IT industry once again.

I have a hard time grasping what the dissatisfied states have issue with and why they continue to press for litigation. If they closely examine the terms of the settlement, they will see that Microsoft's concessions are more than fair. They have even agreed to terms and conditions that were not even at issue in the lawsuit. Microsoft's competitors should be satisfied to know that Microsoft has agreed to disclose their internal interfaces as well as provide licenses for their intellectual property. Over and beyond this, Microsoft has also agreed to create future versions of Windows that will allow for non-Microsoft compatibility.

To me, if the Government, Microsoft and the competitors are satisfied with the fairness of the settlement, this should be more than enough for formalizing it. Let's do this soon, in the best interest of all parties involved.

Sincerely,

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